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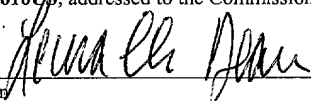
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Akito SATO

For: **PRINTING USING A PRINT HEAD WITH STAGGERED NOZZLE ARRANGEMENTS**

Assigned to: Seiko Epson Corporation

Application Elements:

- ☒ **35** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ **19** Sheets of formal Drawings
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
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Claim For Foreign Priority



Priority of Japanese Application No. 2000-397089 filed on December 27, 2000 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-397119 filed on December 27, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.



The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.



The certified copies will follow.

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)



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